

Claims:

1. (Original) A stocking comprising a sleeve and a gel pad within said sleeve.
2. (Original) A stocking as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said gel pad within said sleeve.
3. (Original) A compression stocking comprising a sleeve and a gel pad within said sleeve.
4. (Original) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 3 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said gel pad within said sleeve.
5. (Original) A stocking as claimed in claim 2 wherein said stocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion to form said sleeve.
6. (Original) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 4 wherein said compression stocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion to form said sleeve.
7. (Original) A stocking as claimed in claim 5 wherein said sleeve extends 360 degrees within said stocking.
8. (Original) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 6 wherein said sleeve extends 360 degrees withing said stocking.
9. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency comprising an understocking having a sleeve and a gel pad within said sleeve.
10. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said

gel pad within said sleeve.

11. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a compression stocking residing over said understocking.

12. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a compression stocking residing over said understocking.

13. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 wherein said understocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion forming said sleeve.

14. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 13 wherein said understocking is made from a material selected from the group of nylon, polyester, and cotton.

15. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 13 wherein said understocking is made from a material selected from an elastic material.

16. (Currently amended) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency comprising the steps of:

applying an understocking having a sleeve onto the foot, ankle and leg of said patient;

inserting a gel pad into said sleeve; and,

positioning said gel pad about said foot, ankle and leg of said patient to apply pressure to reduce said venous insufficiency.

17. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as

claimed in claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

applying a compression stocking over said understocking and pads.

18. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 16 wherein said understocking is a compression stocking.

19. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 17 wherein said understocking is a compression stocking.

20. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 16 wherein said understocking is a compression stocking.